



**Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes  
Wednesday, May 10, 2023**

**12:00 p.m.**

Faculty Senate President David Shattuck called the May 10, 2023 Faculty Senate meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

**MEMBERS PRESENT: (108)**

ARCH: J. Feng, D. Froehlich, P. Peters  
ARTS: R. Koontz, S. Matijcio, D. Robinson  
BUS: S. Basu, N. Celly, H. Lin, A. Lish, M. Murray  
EDU: C. Arbona, S. Brower, B. Davis, S. Gronseth, K. Hassett, A. Peters  
ENGR: D. Burleson, C. Chang, B. Detillier, Medhat El Nahas, J. Evans, K. Grigoriadis, A. Lendasse, D. Litvinov, H. Love, F. Merchant, Y. Mo, J. Rao, H. Rifai, D. Shattuck, X. Yuan  
GHL: P. Guchait, Y. Koh, T. Legendre  
HON: D. Gish, D. Price  
LAW: K. Brem  
CLASS: E. Alemán, K. Anderson, F. Bunta, L. Camaj, A. Christensen, P. Cirino, M. Cottingham, M. Cuesta, H. Glass, E. Goodin-Mayeda, P. Gutierrez, K. Haubrick, A. Hernandez, M. Ivey, J. Kleinheider, M. Knoblauch, A. Pegoda, S. Scarrow, C. Sisk, C. Tamber-Rosenau, A. Viana, D. Womble, Z. Xiao, L. Zhu  
LIB: K. Creelman, T. Davis-Van Atta, V. Douglas, S. Thompson, M. Warren, A. Wu  
COM: G. Gomez, K. Pilkinton  
NSM: M. Almus, K. Bassler, T. Bawa-Khalfe, B. Bodmann, J. Brgoch, J. Briggs, A. Caglar, B. Dauwalder, L. Farmer, T. Gill, R. Lee, J. May, A. Medrano, R. Meisel, M. Papadakis, D. Pattison, J. Subhlok, A. Vershynina, B. Xhabli, J. Yang  
COM: G. Gomez, K. Pilkinton  
CON: C. Brohard, L. McWilliams, P. Schrader  
OPT: V. Das, R. Manny, S. Modi, J. O'Brien  
PHA: G. Cuny, A. Marwaha, D. Thornton, M. Trivedi, G. Udugamasooriya  
HSPA: D. Engster  
RES CTRS: S. Chung  
RES FAC: O. Bannova  
GCSW: S. Ali, S. Narendorf

**MEMBERS ABSENT: (35)**

ARTS: M. Kyropoulou, E. Morshedzadeh  
BUS: C. Becker, B. Carlin, P. Kumar, J. Porra  
EDU: M. Lee, V. Rangel  
ENGR: M. Burns, A. Conklin, J. Conrad, D. Liu, M. Robertson  
GHL: J. Madera, S. Sirsat, C. Taylor  
LAW: D. Fagundes, J. Nelson, E. Trujillo  
CLASS: J. Babcock, W. Breslin, P. Chakrabarti, M. Goldberg, S. Grigorian, D. Papell, E. Simas  
NSM: R. Capuano, A. Czader, S. Gilbertson  
OPT: J. Porter

PHA: D. Chow

**VISITORS:** Mark Clarke (Faculty Development & Faculty Affairs), Diane Z. Chase (Academic Affairs), Sabrina Hassumani (Academic Affairs), Tahir Hussain (Pharmacy), Mike Johnson (President's Office), Renu Khator (President's Office), Sarah Larsen (The Graduate School), Claudia Neuhauser (Div. of Research), Marti Trummer-Cabrera (CAPS)

**Approval of Minutes: April 19, 2023 Meeting**

Minutes of the April 19, 2023 meeting were approved as distributed.

**2023 Faculty Senate New Senator Service in Excellence Award Recognition by Faculty Senate President: [David Shattuck](#)**

**Special Acknowledgement:**

2022-2023 FS Executive Committee members were given recognition plaques for their dedication to shared governance and service during the 2022-2023 academic year.

**Bernard Bodmann  
Jim Briggs  
Ferenc Bunta  
Kerry Creelman  
Vallabh Das  
Kristen Hasset  
Julia Kleinheider  
Holley Love  
Susan Scarrow  
Doug Thornton**

**Report from and Discussion with the University of Houston System Chancellor and University of Houston President: [Renu Khator](#)**

Pres. Renu Khator thanked the senators for their awesome service and congratulated the newly- elected senators and Senate officers.

**Dr. Khator also reported on the following items:**

- State Legislature:
  - DEI (SB17) & Tenure Bill (SB18): Senate passed their version and the bills have been presented to House Committee for revisions. Final decision for bills won't be known until the last few days of the legislative session.
  - Pres. Khator gave a brief status overview of state funding (i.e., base funding, endowment).
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- The VP searches are in progress (VP of Research and the VP of Student Affairs)
- Newest Board of Regent member is Gregory C. King of San Antonio, TX. He is an alumnus of the University of Houston Law Center. BoR Meeting will be held next week.
- Commencement 2023:
  - Dr. Khator congratulated faculty for their hard work and dedication to student success.
  - The Cullen Blvd has been closed due to Harris County construction (Stadium Garage parking is unavailable). Shuttles are available for students, guests, etc. to travel to and from commencement venue.

Q&A followed.

**Report from the University of Houston System Senior Vice Chancellor and University of Houston Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost: [Diane Z. Chase](#)**

**Provost Chase reported on the following two items:**

- Task Forces: Agnes Arnold Hall and Health & Well-being – The task forces work is coming to a close and will have final recommendations by May 15<sup>th</sup> for President Khator’s consideration.
- VP of Research Search (Co-Chairs: Diane Chase & Dean Dan O’Connor)– The search committee has scheduled listening sessions with the help of consulting firm Isaacson, Miller. The goal is to gather campus feedback to help draft the job description. Provost Chase encouraged senators to attend the listening sessions and submit feedback. Provost Chase expresses her appreciation to everyone for all the support and guidance and thanked everyone for their hard work.

Q&A session followed.

**Report from and Discussion with the University of Houston System Interim Vice Chancellor and University of Houston Interim Vice President for Research: [Claudia Neuhauser](#)**

- Hiring Update: Open Positions (3-4 positions)
- Core Facilities: DoR will attend May BoR meeting to request funding for a transmission electron microscope (TEM).
- Teams Science: DoR is soliciting for team proposals. Dr. Neuhauser encouraged faculty to participate for team funding.
- Workshop: Data Management & Research Misconduct (a collaboration with University Libraries)

Q&A session followed.

**Update Presentation by Counseling & Psychological Services Assistant Director for Outreach [Marti Trummer-Cabrera](#)**

- QPR Suicide Prevention Training
- JED Campus Initiative
- JED Workgroups
- Presentation of Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) can be found on the Faculty Senate website at <https://uh.edu/faculty-senate/>

FS Pres. David Shattuck thanked Marti Trummer-Cabrera for her presentation.

**Presentation of UH Grievance Committee Election Results & Senate Officer Election Results by Faculty Governance Committee Chair: [Vallabh Das](#)**

The Faculty Senate Faculty Governance Committee met on May 9, 2023 to certify the UH Faculty Grievance Committee election results. The following candidates were elected to the following positions:

**Tenured and Tenure-Track (Four 3-year seats):**

- Jennifer Chauvot, College of Education
- Jeronimo Cortina, College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences
- Jaana Porra, C. T. Bauer College of Business
- Navin Varadarajan, Cullen College of Engineering

**Non-Tenure Track (One 3-year seat):**

- Holley Love, Cullen College of Engineering
- Nouhad Rizk, College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics
- Quinn Valier, The Honors College

FGC Chair Vallabh Das congratulated the newly-elected UH Grievance Committee members.

The 2023 Senate Officer Election concluded on May 4, 2023 and the FGC certified the results on May 9, 2023. The following senators elected to the following positions are:

**2023-2024 President-Elect**

Holley Love, Cullen College of Engineering

**2023-2024 Secretary**

Julia Kleinheider, College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences

**2023-2024 Faculty Governance Committee members**

Ferenc Bunta, CLASS  
Christina Chang, ENGR  
Dana Chow, PHA  
Kerry Creelman, LIB  
Scott Gilbertson, NSM  
Gregorio Gomez, COM  
Kristen Hassett, EDU  
Rex Koontz, ARTS  
Ruth Manny, OPT  
Donna Pattison, NSM  
Jaana Porra, BUS  
Daniel Price, HON

Congratulations to the new Faculty Senate officers! We look forward to their guidance and work as leaders in the upcoming academic year.

**End-of-Year Committee Chair Reports:**

- **Graduate & Professional Studies Committee: GPSC Chair Susan Scarrow**

Chair Susan Scarrow gave a brief report on the GPSC. She mentioned their overall responsibilities, committee structure, and 2023-2024 major activities.

Chair Susan Scarrow thanked the GPSC members for their participation and hard work during the 2022-2023 academic year.

- **Research & Scholarship Committee: RSC Chair Bernhard Bodmann**

- Chair Bernhard Bodmann thanked the committee members for their hard work during the 2022-2023 academic year. He presented a brief overview of RSC responsibilities and gave a detailed summary of RSC 2023-2023 activities.

- **Undergraduate Committee: UC Chair Holley Love**

Chair Holley Love gave a brief summary of the UC's responsibilities, major activities, and committee structure. She thanked the UC members for their service and dedication.

**Report from and Discussion by Faculty Senate President: [David Shattuck](#)**

- Faculty Senate President David Shattuck: Proposed Faculty Senate Resolution Affirming Academic Freedom and Tenure at The University of Houston

FS Pres. David Shattuck introduced and read the resolution. The floor opened for discussion.

Vote:

The Faculty Senate members voted in favor (81 votes) of the recommendation with two against and two abstentions.

- Faculty Senate President (David Shattuck) expressed his appreciation for everyone's patience, commitment, and hard work during the 2022-2023 academic year.

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment:** 1:37pm